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**MARRIAGE.**  
At the Registrar-General's Office, before Mr. J. J. Collins, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, FRANK LYDIA, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. SANDRO REICH, to CHARLES DUDLEY, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE AYTON, of Leith, Scotland.

**DEATH.**  
On the 15th December, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, JOHN CALVE, aged 22 years.

**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VUEX ROAD, C.  
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HONGKONG, 22ND DECEMBER, 1903

THE war scare has revived in an even more serious shape than before. It is six days ago now that REUTER, on the strength of the Agency's information from Tokyo, pronounced the situation with regard to Russo-Japanese relations to be very gloomy. All the latest telegrams, from home and from the North alike, go to confirm this. Alongside the other effect do we hear that "S. Petersburg continues to be the most hopeful of a pacific solution of the Japanese difficulty." This is what we should expect of S. Petersburg—that is to say, official S. Petersburg, for it is not likely that we should hear of the opinions of any other section of the Russian capital. But we venture to think that the "hopefulness" of S. Petersburg is part of the diplomacy of the Russian Government, which has all along been protesting its confidence in a peaceful issue, while getting ready busily for war. Russian faith of course has long been a byword, as in Roman times, with far less justice, was *Punica fides*. The folly of those who believe in Russian assurances has been demonstrated amply and often. No admittedly barbarous State is more shamelessly mendacious. Yet by the etiquette of diplomacy the Powers continue to deal with Russia as with an honourable nation. Some of the Powers have the excuse that it pays them to do so; but there are some at least that have not. We published yesterday a summary by our Kobe correspondent of a semi-official article in the Tokyo *Kokumin* on the various conferences held by the Japanese Ministers concerning the questions in dispute with Russia. From this it appears that Japan's attitude has been perfectly consistent and straightforward from the first. At the last conference, which took place within the last ten days (from the 20th instant), the Ministers decided to adhere to their

but which presumably includes Japanese supremacy in Korea as undoubted as Russia's in Manchuria and the opening of certain ports in Manchuria to trade. Should this be refused by Russia, the *Kokumin* says, "Japan is fully equipped and ready for immediate action." The only meaning of this must be that Japan is prepared to land troops at once. It has been argued before that Japan is not likely to commence operations before the spring; but if the *Kokumin* is correct, the contrary seems to be the case. On the Russian side, too, there is a change of plans announced. It is only a few days since we were told that the Russian squadron now at Bizerta, on the Northern coast of Tunis, would not leave for the Far East until the end of January. Now REUTER states that the battleship *Odessa*, the cruisers *Aurora* and *Dmitri Donai*, and five destroyers under the command of Admiral URENSKI, will be reinforced by six destroyers in a few days and will then sail for this part of the world. So important a movement cannot be passed over without challenge, if war is to come. If Japan does decide on immediate action, as suggested by the *Kokumin*, it is most unlikely that this new Russian squadron will be allowed to join the Pacific fleet without an effort to stop it. Indeed, it is certain that in event of a rupture an effort would be made to intercept it. The cooling question would be the great problem then awaiting solution, and in this regard Japan would have an immense advantage in South China waters. Only with the aid of France could Russian warships expect to supply themselves south of their own ports, and France is confronted by the terms of the Anglo-Japanese agreement.

Most interesting naturally to us in Hongkong is the question what attitude Britain will take, if the worst happens and war does break out. Hitherto British influence has chiefly been used indirectly in restraining Japan. This is very right, but it must not be forgotten that it is Russian aggression, not Japanese, which we desire to check. It is too often overlooked that Russia's success in her designs in North-east Asia means not only the death-blow to Japan, but the absolute extinction of all but Russian influence in North China and Korea, the Russianisation of the Gulf of Pechili, and the end of British trade in that quarter of the Far East. So far there has been no sign of the British Government taking special precautions in view of the crisis. Two more battleships, we were told, are coming out; but they have not started, and the growing superiority of Russia's fleet in these waters is unproductive of any effort on Britain's part. A demonstration of naval activity, perfectly pacific of course, could not fail to produce a great effect, but it is not made. In fact nothing seems to ruffle British Governmental calm. Yet, next to Japan, we stand to lose far more than any one nation or even any combination of European nations by the success of Russia's schemes. We say "European" because there is a non-European Power also concerned. Whether there are any hopes of the United States taking any action is most difficult to say. The treaty with China has been ratified whereby Moukden and Antung are to be opened; and an U.S. warship has just been despatched to Korea on a very slight pretext. It is hardly possible that the States will consent to see a clause of their treaty with China nullified by Russia. But, on the other hand, hostility to Russia is not a very good party-cry for a Presidential election, and the time of that election is at hand. Moreover, there is Panama to a tract the attention of all Americans. The States might prefer to step in at the end of a Russo-Japanese war. There is good precedent in international history.

The English Mail of the 21st November was delivered in London on the 19th inst.

In a hockey match, Hongkong Hockey Club versus H.M.S. *Vengeance*, played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the *Vengeance* scored 4 goals to 1.

We published in our yesterday's issue under the heading "A Protest from Macao" that the *Patriota* was published in Macao; it should be in Hongkong.

No doubt it is a good thing to clear out the furniture shops of Hongkong, but it is necessary that the upper verandahs should be washed out during the busiest hours of the day, thus giving unwary pedestrians in some of the streets involuntary shower-baths.

Rumours of war were rife yesterday. It is said that several telegrams have been received from Japan to the effect that war is imminent. Some people think that Russia cannot very well back-down, while others, taking Russia's past actions in mind, are of a contrary opinion. Shipping people are very much of the opinion that war will be decided.

Corporal Gilmore, of the U.S. Army, was shot head on the 13th inst. at Mindanao, P.I., as he failed to answer the sentry's challenge, at 1 o'clock a.m.

We have received from Messrs. Caldwell, Macgregor & Co. two useful little silver pencil-holders of a very convenient shape for the pocket.

The *Amoy Gazette* intimates that the Amoy Chinese Admiral died at Foochow on the 14th inst. The flag at the Consulates and at the Customs were half-masted on the occasion.

We have received a picture postcard with Christmas greetings from Calcutta, the sender being Mr. Also Middleton, advance agent of the Pollard Comedy Company, now playing in India.

The visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 20th December were 232 non-Chinese and 41 Chinese to the former, and 73 non-Chinese and 2,139 Chinese to the latter institution.

Mr. W. J. Clennell, B.A., London, of the China Consular Service, was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple on the 17th ult. Mr. Clennell, who has been home on leave, is returning by the N.Y.K. steamer *Awa Maru*.

A Peking despatch quoted in the N.C. *Daily News* reports the arrival in that city of a Japanese lady teacher of high literary and scientific attainments, en route to Mongolia, whither she has been engaged by the Mongol Prince of Alatau to teach his daughters and other Mongol young ladies of high rank.

Our Shanghai morning contemporary states that as Mr. Carl is going officially to the S. Louis Exposition, Mr. H. B. Morse, Commissioner at Canton will replace him as Statistical Secretary to the I.M.C., and will himself be succeeded at Canton by Mr. Raphael de Luca, who has recently returned from leave.

Viceroy Yuan Shi-Kai was on the 5th inst. appointed by the Throne, by special wire, Commander in Chief of the Five Army Corps of the Empire, or all the forces of the Empire, a higher post than even that of the late Yang Lu. The *Peking and Tientsin Times* heartily congratulate His Excellency on this promotion.

At the Mixed Court, Shanghai, on the 14th inst., Tsao Mao-mow, who was implicated with the gang who ganged up the eyes of a Chinese Chinaman on the 28th of April, 1903, was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment and to receive five-hundred blows and at an interval of six months to receive five-hundred more.

The Peking correspondent of the N.C. *Daily News* says that H.E. Hu Yu-fan has been to Heilminton, north-west of Moukden, to examine the newly-opened railway. Viceroy Alexieff has asked him to investigate the Chinese Eastern Railway, but whether he will go to Port Arthur or not is uncertain, "as he is anxious not to excite British suspicions."

A meeting of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace will be held at the Magistracy, at 2.15 p.m. on Tuesday, the 23rd December, 1903, for the purpose of considering the following application:—From one James D. M. Cameron for the transfer of his publican's licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquor on the premises situated at Nos. 49 to 44, Elgin Road, Kowloon, under the sign of the Occidental Hotel, to one Rudolf Matthay.

The *Universal Gazette* hears that the Governor of Kwangsi has telegraphed to Peking, denouncing Viceroy Shun. The text of the telegram is such as has never been seen before, to the utmost surprise of the reader—whatsoever that may mean. The same paper also learns that Viceroy Shun recently wired to the Throne that the Kwangsi rebellion is virtually suppressed and requested the Empress Dowager not to have any anxiety over the situation in Kwangsi or Kwangtung, and advised her to resist Russia by all possible means.

The latest from N. wehgang, according to a Northern contemporary, is as follows:—The Captain of one of the men-of-war in port (not British, of course, while returning to his ship) saw one of his crew lying fast asleep on the street, evidently 'the worse for liquor.' Taking compassion on the poor fellow, as it was a bitterly cold day, he got out naturally roused him up, took his arm, and assisted him on board. As they approached the gangway, the sailor called out "Hey, Quartermaster, I have brought the Captain aboard." Forty days.

The Secretary of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company informs us that at the 63rd annual meeting of the company, which was to be held on the 11th December, the directors, after providing for the usual dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the preferred stock, would recommend a dividend on the deferred stock of 3 per cent. for the six months, and a bonus of 3 per cent., making, with the interim dividend of 3 per cent. paid in June, a total distribution on the deferred stock of 13 per cent. of the year.

On the 14th inst. the 133rd performance of the Shanghai A.D.C. was given at the Lyceum Theatre, the play being Mr. H. V. Esmond's *One Summer's Day*. The cast was as follows, the assumed name of the saviour (whom no doubt some of our readers will be able to trace) being put in brackets:—Major Dick Radford (Mr. V. de Maire), Phil Marsden (Mr. Egilund), Theodore Bondy (Mr. C. H. Philpott), Robert Hodgeson (Mr. George), Tom (Mr. Leslie), Sam (Mr. George Prince), The Urcin (Miss Dorothy Olive), Irene (Miss Jollyboy), Maymie (Miss Grace Thompson), Mrs. Theodore Bondy (Miss Violet Woodhouse), Bea (Miss E. Weatherly), China (Miss Clara Cole).

The French Minister at Peking, M. Dabail, is reported to be vainly endeavouring to interpose in the Manchurian question and to persuade the Chinese Government to make some concession to Russia. "Some" is good.

A curious case of insurance fraud has just come to light at Blackburn, where a woman has been found to hold over forty policies on the lives of men she has never seen. The case is not one of an altogether unknown type, as a man was lately arrested in Lancashire for similar frauds. There is an early Georgian Act which prohibits the insurance of a life by a third party, unless the existence of an "insurable interest" be proved. But the industrial offices are frequently imposed upon, and through misrepresentation are often induced to issue policies to persons who have not the slightest claim to the right of "insurable interest" in the lives of persons able to show an insurable interest in relation to contracts terminating with or depending upon the royal life, and his Majesty's life is thus the most heavily insured in the country, although only a few offices take risks of the character.

A Russian correspondent of the *Times* writes:—It is now admitted in official circles at S. Petersburg that the policy which led to the occupation of Port Arthur and Manchuria was a mistaken one, as there is no prospect that its results will be commensurate with the vast expenditure of money and blood which it entailed. M. Witte, the author of that policy, has been removed to another sphere, and Admiral Alexieff's task is to repair as much as possible the errors which have been committed. The attempt to obtain an ice-free port on the Pacific has so far been a failure. It was hoped that the new seaport town of Dalny, which has been built by the Government at immense cost, would answer this purpose. The south-westerly winds, however, produced such high seas that the place could not be used as a harbour while those winds were blowing, and in order to remedy this the military engineers built a huge breakwater at a cost of 17,000,000 roubles; but now that the breakwater has been made the water in the harbour freezes in the winter, the high seas against which it was to be a protection having evidently prevented the accumulation of ice. It was therefore necessary to seek a new port; there is an admirable one free from ice on the coast of Korea between Vladivostok and Port Arthur at Minsung, but the attempts of Russia to acquire it failed owing to the opposition of Japan.

### THE CHARITY BAZAAR.

The Bazaar of Toy held on Saturday night last, proved a great success, the gross receipts amounting to \$1,340. We are requested to tender the thanks of the C. H. S. Union to the Commanders and officers of H.M.S. *Vengeance* for permitting their band to play, free of charge, during the evening; also to the ladies and gentlemen who kindly contributed with donations of money and goods, and to the various shops which sent in choice selections of goods for sale, and to the Press for their advertising by local notices, this Bazaar, and to the general public for their generous patronage of the same, which has once again enabled the Catholic Union to secure its object in providing a really enjoyable treat and useful presents for the aged poor, and the orphan children of Hongkong.

### SUDDEN DEATH.

J. S. Reben, who has been living at the Waverley Hotel, in Teo House Street, since the first of the month, was found dead in his bed in room No. 12 of the hotel yesterday morning. From enquiries it was learnt that deceased was quite well and cheerful on Sunday, and had a guest with him toiffin, going out with him afterwards. He was not seen to return to the hotel, but when his room-boy went into his room yesterday morning with his coffee, he thought the deceased looked very strange, and immediately summoned the proprietress of the hotel, when it was found the man was dead. Information was immediately given to the police, and the body was taken over by them for the purposes of the necessary inquiry. Until the inquest which, takes place to-day, has been held nothing definite can be known, but it is believed to be a case of death from self-poisoning. Deceased was about 22 years of age.

### FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.C. v. "TAMAR."

Played at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. Hongkong kicked off. The teams seemed to be well matched, play being pretty even at the start. The club, however, soon proved themselves a superior lot. An easy goal for the Navy was spoiled by one of the players being off side and kicking the ball in. At half time the score was nil.

After changing sides, and play had been recommenced for some time, a penalty was given against the Tamar. Bonnar took the ball and kicked it into goal. Another goal was scored for the Club by Williams. When the whistle blew, the score was—  
Hongkong Football Club ... 2.  
H. M. S. Tamar ... 0.  
The teams were as follows:—  
H.K.F.C.—A. sub, in goal; Worcester, E. F. Annett, Jack, H. C. Anston, Davies, H. C. Gray, halves; J. W. Bonnar, W. H. Williams, C. R. S. Cooper, J. Richardson, R. A. Whitmore, forwards.  
H.M.S. Tamar.—Stirrat, goal; Armitage, Copernicus, backs; Baet, Fowkes, Voe, halves; Pollard, Robinson, Boffey, Jeffery, Hefferman, forwards.

## TELEGRAMS.

### REUTERS'S SERVICE.

#### THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA.

LONDON, 19th December.  
The Washington Senate has ratified the Commercial Treaty with China.

#### RUSSIAN NAVAL REINFORCEMENTS.

LONDON, 19th December.  
A telegram from Bizerta states that a Russian squadron consisting of the battleship *Odessa*, the cruisers *Aurora* and *Dmitri Donai*, and five destroyers under the command of Admiral Urenska will be reinforced by six destroyers in a few days, and will then sail for the Far East.

#### JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, 19th December.  
The *Standard's* Tokyo correspondent writes that it is believed Russia's reply virtually repels the cardinal principle of the Japanese claims, and that if it is so, unless Russia reconsiders the position, hostilities are almost inevitable.

LATER.  
The Japanese Minister in London is receiving from all parts of Great Britain offers of services in the event of war with Russia. Viscount Hayashi is deeply impressed, but under Japanese rules no foreigner can be employed on active military service.

#### COLOMBIA AND PANAMA.

LONDON, 20th December.  
A battalion of U.S. marines has been ordered to embark at Philadelphia for Colon. The Navy Department keeps the plans a secret.

#### CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

THE REGATTA.  
The first day of the Canton Regatta passed off very pleasantly. A large number of spectators were present throughout, and a beautiful weather was enjoyed, while the surface of the water was untroubled by any breeze, except during the earlier races. The result of the International Four was a great disappointment to the supporters of the Union Jack. The British crew was beaten by 3½ lengths. The Germans got away with a slightly better start than their opponents, and taking the lead at once, led to the finish with a stroke of 30 to the British 27. No other result was expected by those in the know, for, owing to the retirement through "crocking" of No. 2 on Wednesday, an entirely new hand was rowing in the boat. In your correspondent's opinion, however, the Germans would have pulled off the race anyhow, but by a smaller margin.

The Hong Pairs were won by the representatives of Messrs. Arnold Karberg, who defeated Messrs. Varenne & Co. by 6 lengths. The latter crew, however, won the International Pairs by 3 lengths, defeating British Colonials (an Australian and a Canadian). The British were unable to enter for this race owing to the illness of their stroke at the last moment. The Sculls were won by Mr. Imhoff, who walked away from his opponent. The Double Sculls, with lady cox, were won by Mrs. Grant and Messrs. Leslie and Purnell, who rowed over the course, their opponents having scratched. The best race of the afternoon was the last, that between the Club and Committee, a very close thing and well contested. Bud steering on the part of the Club lost his boat some ground, and the Committee won.

Half-a-dozen launches, and as many house-boats, together with two large flower-boats, conveyed spectators to the scene. Refreshments were provided by the Club on one of the flower-boats, and everything was done both by the Club and private individuals to make the afternoon a success. The races were started by Mr. Sutton, of the I. M. C., while Mr. Hay acted as judge and Mr. May as umpire. To these officials, and to Messrs. Gilchrist, Pustan, and Satton (Sec. of the Club), is due the success of a most enjoyable afternoon.

#### QUAIL AND SNipe.

A party of sportsmen lately visited Koo Soo. Recently, very favorable accounts of this hunting-ground were sent in, but on Sunday, it appears, there was not a single quail. Still, however, the unsuccessful party have not lost faith in Koo Soo; they intend to visit it again shortly, and next time they will take a dog. One would think that their having made such an omission last Sunday is hardly pardonable, but on one occasion, when the same gentlemen made a stiff climb in the vicinity of Koo Soo, they were obliged to carry the dog home. There are, dogs and dogs, no doubt. Now that many paddy crops are out, sport generally is reported to be poorer than of late, the birds, it would appear, having taken flight for further inland abodes.

#### WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—  
On the 21st at 11.55. The barometer has fallen over the E. coast of China and the Loo-choo, and continues to rise slowly over E. Japan.  
The anticyclone is still central over China, and pressure remains low to the N.E. of China. Gradients have decreased on the China coast, but continue steep over the China Sea.  
The monsoon will prob. b moderate in the Formosa Channel. Strong monsoon gales over the China Sea.  
Forecast:—Fresh to moderate N. winds; fair.

## NOTES FROM THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

The herbarium attached to the Gardens has recently been enriched by the presentation from Staff-Surgeon C. G. Mathew (H.M.S. *Eclipse*) of collections of dried plants from Ningpo, Weihaiwei, Korea, and Japan. The specimens are carefully chosen and very well preserved, and the collector is to be congratulated on making so valuable an addition to the Colonial herbarium.

In the *Indica Flora Sinensis* there are sixteen species of orchids recorded, and four species are found in Hongkong. One of these, *Catantha gracilis*, is now flowering in the No. 3 house where it is represented by two specimens, one of which bears one sepal and the other four. It is a showy orchid, but it is interesting as it has been recorded from the Khasia Hills in addition to Hongkong. In the latter place it may be found growing on moist rocks on Mount Parker.

Roses and camellias in the Gardens have now a quantity of bloom on them, and should prove attractive for some time to come.

A very fine *Bauhinia* is in flower in the new garden near the deer-pen. It is a much finer species than *Bauhinia purpurea*, which was on flower a short time ago, and the flowers differ structurally from that plant. The colour is of a deep rose-purple excepting the lower petal, and has a large clear-coloured blotch on it. The individual flowers are 5 inches across and are abundantly produced in large terminal corymbose panicles.

Now that the deficiency of seats in the new garden has been remedied visitors will be able to enjoy with more comfort some of the lovely views of the harbour and Glenelg which are to be seen from there, particularly where the undergrowth in front of the seats has been cleared for the purpose.

### PAKHOI.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

14th December.

JUNKS FOR THE STRAITS.  
The annual appearance of junks to load for the Straits is represented this year by no less than eleven vessels, and it is said that three more will arrive in a few days to swell the number. Favoured by the north-east monsoon, which has already set in, these traders are confident that they will reach their destination within a fortnight. The bulk of the cargo carried by these vessels consists usually of earthenware and iron pans. Five of the junks have already left, and the others will follow in a short time. As a rule three or four sail together. Why such a large amount of tonnage is not carried in foreign bottoms and propelled by steam is a question that cannot easily be answered. Maybe the long-discussed "preferential duty" plays a prominent part here. The other reason that could be advanced is that, considering the fragile nature of the goods generally carried by these junks, the liability of breakage is less on board them than on board steamers.

FATAL EXPLOSION.  
A fatal accident happened in the harbour about 11 a.m. on the 12th instant. An old piece of ordnance burst on board a junk, killing two men and injuring two others. The circumstances in connection with the accident are as follows. The gun was, apparently, one of the ordinary 12-pounders we used to see on the decks of junks—an obsolete weapon that probably has seen its days of active service, but since left to rust for nobody knows for how long in some obscure corner. It had been hoisted on board the junk again for active service, and for the purpose of testing it as to its usefulness, an ordinary charge of gunpowder was rammed in, but on firing, it burst.

THE NEW PREFECT.  
Kwok Chi Chum, the Prefect of Linchow, has gone into mourning owing to the death of his mother, and he will have to relinquish his office in consequence as soon as his successor arrives, who, it is mentioned, will be an official named Chi Ham Yeh. This gentleman, I am informed, was formerly a *schuyen* in Pakhoi some ten years ago.

### CHINESE LABOUR FOR S. AFRICA.

Hongkong is likely to be the base of supplying Chinese labour for S. Africa. When such comes to pass, it will be an excellent thing for the Colony. Possibly the Harbour Master's department will have to make special provision for examining the coolies under the emigration ordinance, which requires it to be assured that emigrants leave the colony as free men. Their destination, however, being a British colony, there is nothing to fear on this score. At the same time, no doubt, the usual routine will be gone through. From all accounts, however, it would seem that considerable time must elapse before Chinese labour is introduced to S. Africa. As regards Rhodesians, says a home paper, the story that the Chartered Company is to introduce Chinese labour forthwith may be disregarded. It would be very kind of the company, of course, to make the initial experiments with Chinese labour. It will want time and patience to obtain these labour supplies which are necessary. And not the least difficulty will be that in persuading the Chinese that the compound system, or "limited imprisonment," as one critic called it, is the best for them. Missing people farther East complica of a little difficulty in getting all the Chinese labour they want, where there are no compound restrictions at all. The necessary compound arrangements will require some little explaining even to the childlike and blind Chinese.











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# HAMBURG LETTER.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Hamburg, 17th November.  
Foremost in interest amongst the events of the past fortnight stands at least as far as this country is concerned, the operation of the Kaiser had to submit to the removal of a polypus from the vocal chords. The official announcement which appeared ten days ago caused some anxiety at first, for the sufferings and sad fate of the Emperor Frederick are still fresh in the memory of the nation, but the reassuring bulletins of the three Court physicians, and the emphatic statements of Dr. Schmidt, who performed the operation, and of Professor Orth, who examined the growth after excision, that it was of a benign type and not likely to recur, has allayed all fears and the public is most grateful to His Majesty for having taken it so fully into his confidence. The papers have brought out most loyal articles on the subject, one of them remarking very aptly that the occurrence has made everybody feel once more the importance of the life of the Emperor, in whom is blended such a strange mixture of the ideal and sound common sense, for the welfare of the country. The foreign Press, too, has shown itself most sympathetic, and it is to be hoped that the kindly feeling towards the Kaiser and the high up recitation of his character to which the British newspapers have given expression may help to promote a better understanding between the two nations.

A book by Professor W. J. Ashley, of Birmingham, "The Tariff Problem," which is quoted by the *Hamburger Correspondent*, seems to tend in this same direction. The Professor approves Mr. Chamberlain's programme, and thinks that, although Germany was perfectly justified in meeting the preferential rates granted by Canada and South Africa to the mother country by retaliatory measures, no customs war need be feared, the trade between the two nations being so enormous that it will be to their mutual advantage to come to an understanding. The "German danger" in therefore an imaginary one, whilst it is in the competition of Russia and the United States that is really to be feared, and against these two countries England and Germany should make common cause. Professor Ashley does not believe in Anglo-Saxonism, for the American population contains a strong admixture of other elements—of Irish, for instance, who hate us, and of German and Scandinavian, Italians, and others who may not always be disposed to favour us. Concerning the present estrangement between the English and German people, he argues that the former would probably feel equally aggrieved, if their history had been the same: if after a long period of prosperity the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries they had found their political, social, and commercial development retarded by wars, such as the Thirty Years' War, which had waste and nearly depopulated the country, leaving it to become the battle-field of Europe for another two hundred years; if internal dissensions and misgovernment in many of the numerous states constituting the German empire had hampered the free growth of trade and industry, and if after emerging from their troubles, once more a united and powerful empire, they had discovered that a more fortunate neighbour had in the meantime secured a monopoly of the trade of the world, and had by planting colonies in every part of the globe obtained possession of vast domains, whither to direct its wandering population, leaving little that was desirable for others. They would have conceived little love for that neighbour. But this feeling on the part of the German people, the author hopes, may wear off in time. It should not be repeated much less by the English, but both nations should endeavor to cultivate friendly relations in their common interest and against common rivals.

After the abuse that the Continental Press has been in the habit of heaping upon the British army and its officers since the war in South Africa, it is quite refreshing to read a monograph, just published by the German General Staff, no mean authority in such matters. They do not purpose giving a consecutive history of the war, but will confine themselves to articles on such episodes as may throw light on the altered conditions of modern warfare. The first paper deals with war in Natal, and the reverse of Colombia, and with the battle of Magerfontein. The writer is of opinion that the former occasion in spite of the loss of the guns in the beginning, if General Buller had not lost his head, and had, instead of joining in the fray, watched events and averted his dispositions accordingly. If on the 15th December the troops had maintained their positions, success would probably have been theirs. It was an action lost by the general, but through no fault of his brave troops.

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Lord Methuen, whom some of the German papers have been pleased to call the most incompetent of incompetent British generals, is, in the description of the battle of Magerfontein, pronounced to have proved himself a careful and methodical commander, an opinion apparently shared by Lord Roberts, who did not remove him from his post when so many others vanished from the scene of action. The mistakes he made are, however, freely criticised, for instance the attack of the Highlanders is stated not to have been sufficiently prepared, whilst their formation was old-fashioned and resulted to the circumstances; but after their first repulse the gallant brigade stuck to their position, like the Prussian guards at S. Privat, which is high praise indeed in the mouth of a German officer. The writer goes on to say that if Lord Methuen had been willing or able to send them the necessary reinforcements the day might have been won. The artillery, he considered, was extremely well handled, and several other bodies of troops came in for their share of commendation; of the Army Medical Corps he speaks in terms of high praise. The scouting and reconnoitering by the cavalry before both battles is declared to have been inefficient, but it is admitted in extenuation that, in the face of the modern long-range firearm and the extensive use of barbed-wire fencing, it is exceedingly difficult for horsemen to approach near enough to the enemy to obtain full and reliable information. Part of the men should have been dismounted and made to advance on foot. The article displays great objectivity and is written in a spirit of fair criticism.

It has been long known to the military authorities that life in small garrison towns on the frontiers is fraught with danger to young officers, as there is little society and that mostly of an uncongenial kind, to be met with, so that they are thrown very much on their own resources and prone to indulge in gambling and worse. A Lieutenant Hiss, of the Army Transport Corps, has lately published a novel on the subject entitled *Life in a small Garrison Town*, but not having been sufficiently careful in disguising persons and events, although he has mixed up truth and fiction, the story caused a lively sensation in the town of Forbach, where he was stationed. He was arraigned before a court-martial in Metz on two counts—breach of discipline for speaking ill of some of his superior officers, and disobedience for having published the book under an assumed name, without notifying his intention to the military authorities. Although admitting that he had acted without malice, and that there was much that was true in his remarks, the court found him guilty on both charges and sentenced him to six months' imprisonment and to be dismissed the service, the book itself and type to be destroyed. The sentence is agreed on all sides to be a fair if not a lenient one.

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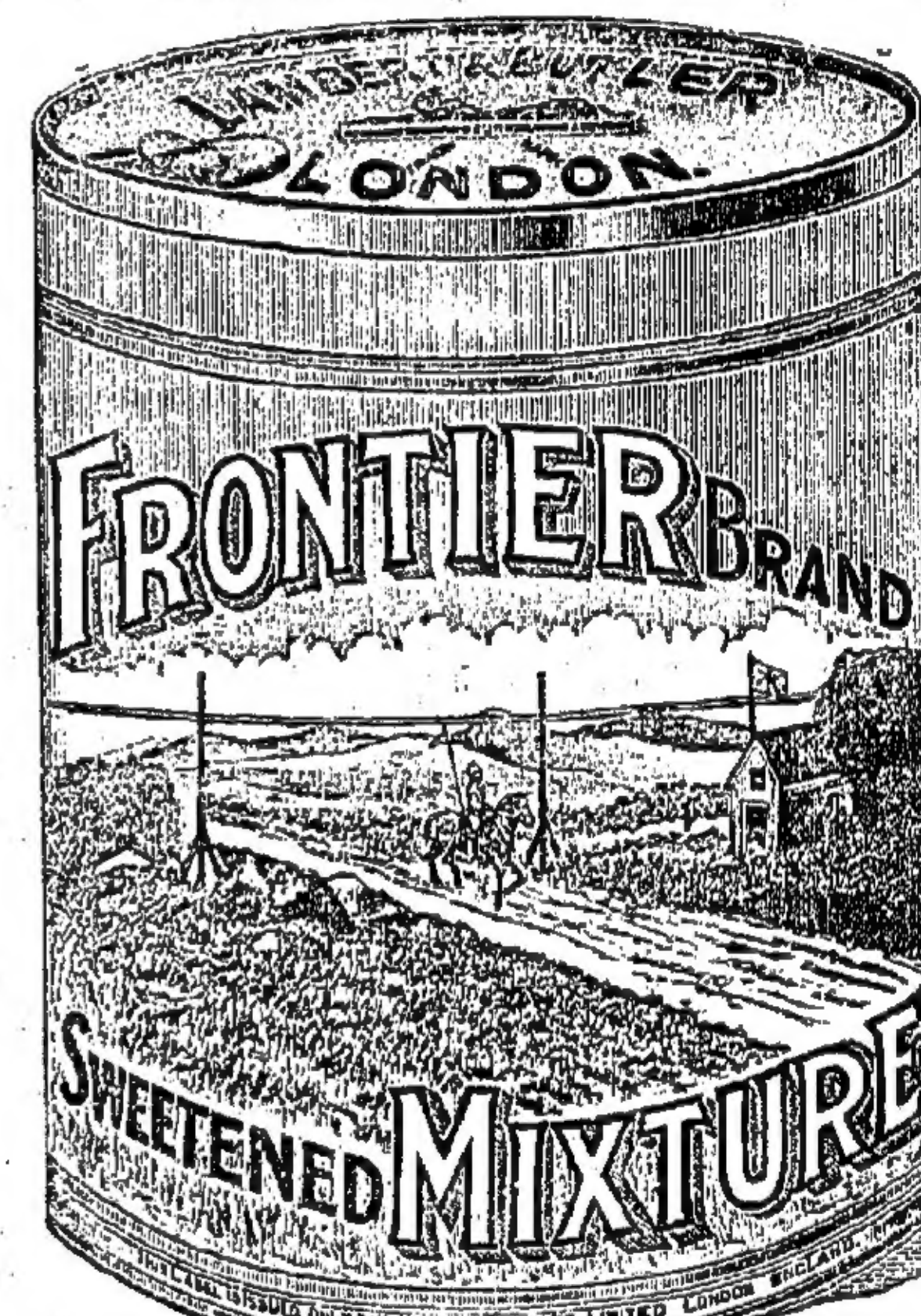
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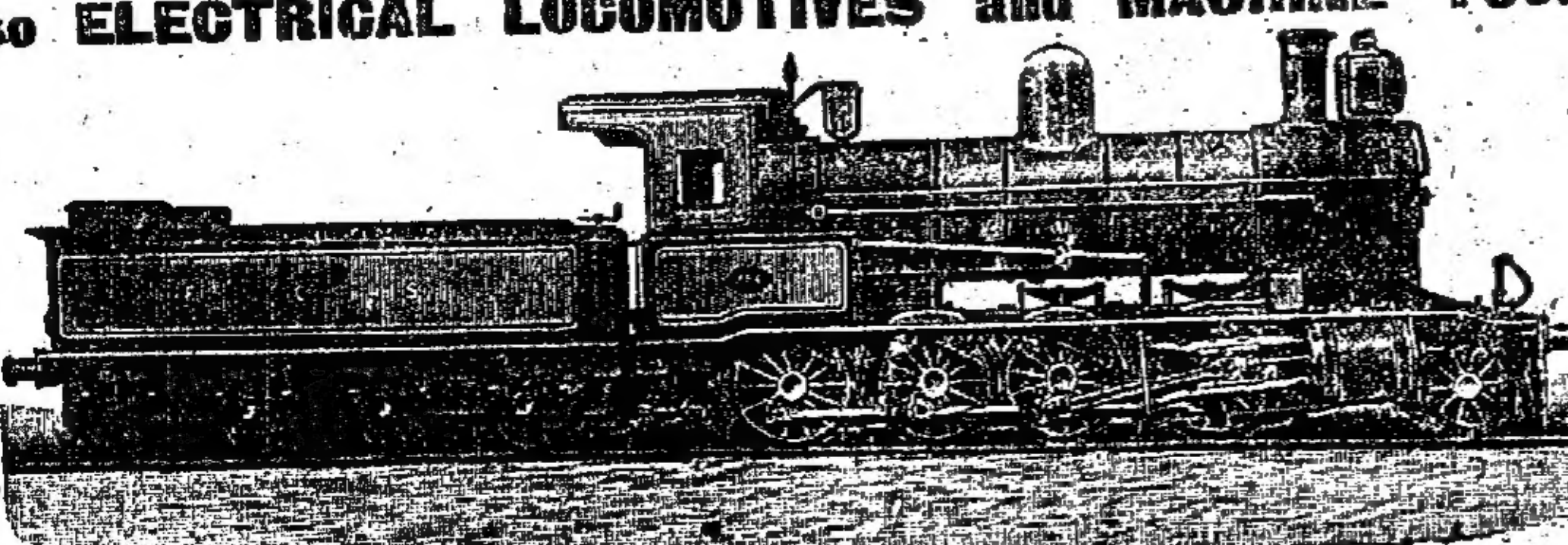
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proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this  
Office until 11 o'clock, a.m., March 19th,  
1904, at which time and place they will be  
opened in the presence of the attending bidders,  
for the furnishing and delivery of six million  
six hundred thousand (6,600,000) pounds of  
frozen fresh beef and four hundred and eighty  
thousand (480,000) pounds of frozen fresh  
mutton to the Subsistence Department at  
Manila, P.I., during the year ending June  
30, 1905. The accepted bid and action will  
be admitted free of Customs duties. The  
United States reserves the right to decrease the  
amount called for in the contract, by not to  
exceed 40% upon reasonable notice to the  
contractor; or to increase the amount called  
for, with the consent of the contractor. Each  
proposal must be accompanied by a Bidder's  
Guarantee in the amount of \$20,000, or by  
certified check for that amount on a bank of  
approved standing in Manila. The bidder to  
whom the contract is awarded will be required  
to give bond, the penalty of which will be fixed  
by the Chief Commissary. Information  
furnished on application. Envelopes contain-  
ing proposals should be marked: "Proposals  
for frozen fresh beef and frozen fresh mutton  
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## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

FROM HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM,  
ANTWERP, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

## THE N.D.L. Steamship

"WURZBURG"  
Captain von Binzer, having arrived from the  
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for  
counter-signature by the Undersigned and to  
take immediate delivery of their Goods from  
the Godowns.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before Noon,  
To-day, the 16th inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be  
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,  
and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 22nd inst. will be subject  
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
Hongkong Office.  
Hongkong, 16th December, 1903. 13471

## STEAMSHIP "ANNAM"

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## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex.s.s.  
"Bagdad," "Siam," and "Medoa," in connection with  
above Steamer, are hereby informed that their  
Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure,  
and Valuables, are being landed and stored at  
their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at  
Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained  
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless  
intimation is received from the Consignees  
before Noon, To-day, the 15th inst., requesting  
it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the  
Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed  
after Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at Noon, will  
be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before  
the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognised.  
All damaged packages will be examined on  
Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 15th December, 1903. 12

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"COROMANDEL"  
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND  
SINGAPORE.

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vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are  
being landed and placed at their risk in the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
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consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark,  
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Optional Goods will be landed here unless  
instructions are given to the contrary before  
5 P.M., To-day, the 18th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 25th inst., at 4 P.M.,  
will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in  
any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Go-  
downs for examination by the Consignees' and  
the Company's representative at an appointed  
hour. All Claims must be presented within  
ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after  
which date they cannot be recognised. No  
Claims will be admitted after the Goods have  
left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.  
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The Express of China with the Canadian Mail left Shanghai on Saturday the 18th inst., at 10 p.m. and may be expected here to-morrow.

The Baggage with the German Mail left Singapore on Friday, the 18th inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The American Mail per S.S. Korea will be closed on Thursday, the 24th inst., at 5 p.m. A supplementary mail will be closed on Saturday, the 26th inst., at 9 a.m.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton, Amoy and Tamsui.	Tuesday, 22nd, 7.30 A.M.	
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui.	Tuesday, 22nd, 9.00 A.M.	
Shanghai.	Tuesday, 22nd, 11.0 A.M.	
Straits and Calcutta.	Tuesday, 22nd, 1.00 P.M.	
Manila.	Tuesday, 22nd, 1.15 P.M.	
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.	Tuesday, 22nd, 2.00 P.M.	
Kongmoon, Kamohuk and Samahai.	Tuesday, 22nd, 3.00 P.M.	
Shanghai.	Tuesday, 22nd, 3.30 P.M.	
Kobe.	Tuesday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.	
Shanghai.	Tuesday, 22nd, 5.30 P.M.	
Hongkong and Haiphong.	Tuesday, 22nd, 5.30 P.M.	
Swatow and Amoy.	Tuesday, 22nd, 5.30 P.M.	
Canton.	Tuesday, 22nd, 5.30 P.M.	
Haiphong.	Tuesday, 22nd, 5.30 P.M.	
Quongchow Wau, Hoibow, Pakhoi and Haiphong.	Tuesday, 22nd, 5.30 P.M.	
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Bank Bills, on demand.	213
Bank Bills, at 3 months sight.	213

ON GERMANY.	173 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand.	173 1/2
Bank Bills, at 3 months sight.	173 1/2

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ON CALIFORNIA.	125 1/2
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Bank Bills, at 3 months sight.	125 1/2

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Bank Bills, on demand.	73 1/2
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## VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.	
The Indo-China steamer Namsang, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 15th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.	
THE CANADIAN MAIL.	
The C.P.R. steamer Empress of China arrived at Shanghai at 11 a.m. on the 18th inst., and left again at 10 p.m. same day for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 9 a.m. to-day.	
THE GERMAN MAIL.	
The Imperial German mail steamer Bayern left Singapore on the 18th inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow, at 5 p.m.	

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THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer Empress of China arrived at Shanghai at 11 a.m. on the 18th inst., and left again at 10 p.m. same day for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 9 a.m. to-day.

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